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THAT CRUEL FASHION.

A Parody on The Irish Washer-Woman, by "One of The Boys."



OW cranky is Fashion!
How cruel—
More cruel than the sword
or the lash,
To make a man appear
like a fool,
By cutting off his mustache
It wasn't intended for no-
ble man,
But concocted to serve the
clown
Who needed a face like a
frying pan
To go with his comical gown.

The "fad" is only common in places,
And condemned by the wise as a sham,
It has caused some of our prominent faces
To resemble an un-smoked ham.

Our best ones have tried the barber's chair,
In response to the barber's call,
And now are such models of despair
As to cause a blind calf to bawl.

Charles Brinkman—the maidens' ideal—
Has been favored, we must allow,
But after fooling with the barber's steel
He looks like a home-sick cow.

Morrison's face to girls was a haunt,
And his rivals would weep and wail,
But now he is at the same disadvantage
As a monkey with a Billy goat's tail.

Jim Clarke's we thought a permanent feature,
But he, also, dug up a dime,
And he now presents as rare a picture
As a rose on a pumpkin vine.

M. Eppstein early took up the cry,
(And 'tis said he the fad introduced),
Thesun hides its face when Epp goes by,
And the moon to get up needs a boost.

Ralph Bailey, proper, 's quite handsome,
Had a face where Cupid's imps lie—
But alas, he paid the barber's ransom,
And now resembles an over-baked pie.

Boys, is this move a fraternal stand?
Is it Democrat, Repub, or Pop?
For humanity's sake pray do disband,
And go raise another crop.

To your friends you look like mourners,
You would cause a bull dog to dust,
Make all the kids fly 'round the corners
And laugh until they bust.

Now with ugliness you may be shackled,
Suffer lack of good clothes and cash,
Be cross-eyed, buck-toothed, or freckled—
You can cover all with a mustache.

Girls, do not be so hard to please,
And your hopes may be gratified.
You should compare us, at your ease,
With what your sisters are satisfied.

THE BOYS.

The bicycle is a most useful machine in this part of the country. In Barton county the roads are such that a man can go almost anywhere on a wheel, and when the price of these machines are brought down to a reasonable figure a whole lot of saving in time, horse feed etc., can be made by people of all classes. And the price is bound to come down. The Japanese are making a wheel and putting it on sale in San Francisco at \$12. Think of that, and then compare the price to that which is asked by other dealers—\$75 to \$100! The patents on the bicycle of the present is what keeps the price up; but competition is bound to force it down.

Already that grotesque specimen of the genus homo (half brother of the genus hobo), with hair sticking through the top of his hat, elbows peeping through his sleeves, scantiness of pantaloon where he keeps the chair the warmest, is going about the country frothing at the mouth and calling hard names the men who have sufficient manhood to patch their pants instead of advertising indolence and shiftlessness, because such men do not think politically in line with the brother hobo. The mouthings of such useless individuals are what disgusts industrious men with politics.

This is a boys composition on girls: He says: "Girls are the only folks that has their own ways every time. Girls is of several thousand kinds, and sometimes one girl can be like several thousand girls all at once if she wants to do anything. They are also like kittens; they go singing and purring about until you stroke them the wrong way, and then they get mad. This is all I know about girls, and father says the less I know about them the better off I am."

We want to close out our stock of stoves, and are offering them at actual cost to us. You cannot afford to let this opportunity pass to get a good stove at cost. This is no catch advertisement, but we mean business.

Great Bend Implement Co.

LOCAL NOTES.

City registration closes March 27th. Ben Stover was over from Claflin, Saturday.

The DEMOCRAT and School Visitor one year for \$1.10.

March is nearly half gone. Welcome the April showers.

Joseph Crane is now located permanently at Pawnee Rock.

Please clean up that rubbish around your premises and look pleasant.

Girls, if you want to be the flour of the family, learn to make good bread.

Powder and shot at cost. A. R. Moss.

A newly arrived girl baby is reported at the home of Sherman Smith, this city.

Hicks says the severest weather in March will come between the 25th and 29th.

Go to Nelson & Son's Feed Store for early Ohio potatoes, apples, oranges and lemons.

Dr. Phillips, the eye and ear Specialist, will be at the Hotel Greene March 14th to 17th.

Jake Stoskopf, Isaac Markel and Henry Osier were down from Dubuque Wednesday.

Col. G. F. Mecklem, of near Heizer, was in to pick a crow with the DEMOCRAT, Saturday.

FOR RENT—40 acres of land; South side. Good terms to right party. Address: Box 135, Great Bend.

Henry Nordman, of Olmitz, was in Saturday, and left the DEMOCRAT an order for stationery for his general store.

The old veterans worked up surprise parties on Mrs. E. A. Lynch and Judge J. Wood Brown, last Friday night.

An old fashioned base burner: The old man's slipper, when he takes Willie back into the back kitchen for a private interview.

Judge E. C. Cole of appellate court, seems to have had complete possession of the Hoisington Dispatch and Claflin Leader, last week.

James Armstrong removed his family and personal possessions to the new home in the Strip, last week. Starting overland Saturday.

A. R. Moss has opened an experimental grocery store at Cripple Creek. He says if the experiment proves successful he will branch out.

Tell your neighbors they can get all the county news, and get it fresh, in the DEMOCRAT, for half the price they pay for some county papers.

Remember, Dr. Phillips will be at the Hotel Greene but three days, March 14th to 17th. Call the first day and arrange date for consultation.

The American Steam Laundry, of Hutchinson, does repair work free—and guarantees satisfaction. Give them a trial. F. B. GREENE, Agt.

Will and Fred Witte, of Heizer, were callers last Saturday, to arrange for advertising their new feed mill at Heizer. See their ad, elsewhere in this paper.

Mrs. Althea Briggs Stryker is in Washington enjoying high life while she writes for populist papers and helps to instruct Kansas farmers how to run things.

The boys who went to Hoisington to the convention Saturday, had a way-up time; and it was not a prohibitionists time either—Hoisington is not that kind of a town.

When wanting sale bills, notes, or any kind of job printing done, remember that the DEMOCRAT office is better equipped than any office in Western Kansas for that kind of work.

Elrick Cole seems to have no opposition as republican candidate for Appellate Court Judge. Barring his politics, we do not know of a man we would rather see hold that position.

Did you notice the wind and dirt from the north, Saturday afternoon? What a lot of spouting those republican politicians must have done over at Hoisington to raise such a commotion.

THE TIME TO IRRIGATE.

Some Hints to Irrigators by The State Irrigation Commissioner.



SOME of our people who have irrigation plants started may get some valuable "pointers" from the following letter by Hon. D. M. Frost, State Irrigation Commissioner, of Dodge City:

"Allow me to suggest to your irrigators that now is the good time to pump water wherewith to irrigate their land. Do not neglect this. Fall and winter irrigation is what counts on the following season's crops. You want fall winter rains, why not supply this moisture by artificial means at your command? When rains fail to put in an appearance, irrigate your orchards, groves, truck farms, and if you can extend it any further, your potato patch for next season's planting, or five or ten acres of alfalfa ground or the same amount of ground that you aim to cultivate to corn, oats or barley. If this is thoroughly watered during the fall and winter you will be sure of a crop and no mistake. Now is the time to begin. Water put upon the ground when it is frozen will enable you to cover a greater area. While it may freeze a little, do not mind that as it won't hurt the ground to have it covered with a sheet of ice, it will do it good. My pump is at work and doing better work now than in the late fall; when there was a lack of wind to move it. My reservoir, 100x100 feet, is bank full now, after irrigating my orchard of five acres and alfalfa patch, another five acres, and I hope to cover ten additional acres with water before spring with the same plant. Why not do it then? Look your mill over and see that it is in a good fix. Oil it well and turn it into the wind and let it do the work it was intended it should do. At the same time see that your pump is in good working order, and see to it that it cannot freeze up and cause a break, possibly both mill and pump. This is important. And while you are at it, stiffen up the embankments surrounding your reservoir and thus make it hold a little more water, as you may want a good deal more water next spring than you had last.

"But then there are so many people in the state of Kansas who have such vast landed estates that they never can consent to come down to tilling five, ten, twenty or even forty acres, even if they knew they could artificially supply all the water it needed, as this would be too great a comedown and too small for those who want to cultivate large tracts and make a fortune in a year, adhering to the "single crop" idea, either wheat or corn, and as a rule get about one good crop in seven years, which must buy and pay for what is consumed by the "large farmer." The despised small farmer—especially by irrigation, with a five- or ten-acre lot—will beat the large farmer clear out of sight, with his 160 acres of "single crop" farming, simply from the fact that he will produce on his truck patch all that his family may need and more, besides his orchard, though small, will give him a good return; a couple of cows, all the milk and butter he can consume and to spare; three or four shoats will grow into as fine porkers as he may wish to buy; a dozen good hens will give him all the eggs he may want to use either for hatching purposes or table use or both; a colony or two of bees will add to the luxuries of his table, and they will come very nearly caring for themselves, as also the fish will do in his pond if he will only give the chance; you can keep a horse or two besides the two cows, and raise hay and fodder of various kinds on your five or ten-acre patch to feed them the year around. If you don't believe it, seed five acres to alfalfa and water it thoroughly—if but once during the winter—and see what it will produce for you. Why, your cows and horses will be "in clover" the year around. I tell you the "big farmer" isn't "in it for a little bit." The man with the small farm under irrigation is "strictly in it" in Kansas, even in

these times of low prices for produce. He has them for his own use and consumption and don't have to buy them, while the "big farmer" is carting them home from his nearest trading point each day and paying for them out of the "single crop" he raised several years ago, providing he has any of it left, while the "small farmer" is swapping off some of his surplus for such things as he wants and does not possess.

It is a small or seemingly small sort of a way to do, but then it is all right and counts when dinner is called. A variety dinner beats a single dish, as does diversity of crops beat "single crop" farming. Try it and see; don't take my word for it and say I don't know, without an effort to either farm or disprove what I have said, but try it yourself and confess your mistake.

PERSONAL POINTS.

—John Campbell was down from Albert, Monday.

—Orville Kackley was down from Galatia, Saturday.

—Bernard Markey came up from Wichita, Tuesday.

—Mrs. Ed Tyler returned from Wichita, Saturday morning.

—Ben Dawson's youngest boy has been very sick for some days.

—Charles Test, of Hoisington, did business in Great Bend, Friday.

—Attorney Breeden, of Claflin, did business in Great Bend last week.

—John Dickson returned last week from a prospecting tour in Colorado.

—Prof. C. R. Aldrich, of the Hoisington schools, took in the Dyché lecture.

—Zell Humphry came home from Arkansas, last week, on a short vacation.

—Peter Brack an Olmitz merchant, was doing business in the city, Monday.

—Eugene Wilson, a young friend of Tommie Hart's, is out from Iowa on a visit.

—Miss Sadie McCauley, of Hoisington, attended the Dyché lecture, Saturday.

—A. G. Campbell, of Albert, made the DEMOCRAT an appreciated call last Monday.

—Jessie Rasor, the Mo. P. agent, made a trip up the Selkirk branch, Monday.

—Dr. Castle is slowly recovering his health. He is now able to ride out occasionally.

—Charlie Jones and Ed Robinson, of Hoisington, were over to the county seat Thursday.

—Leon Roberts was down from the north side, Sunday. His school closes in another week.

—John Malia's oldest daughter has been quite ill for some time, but is able to sit up now.

—J. B. McCauley, the Mo. P. railroad man, last week moved his family back to Hoisington.

—Will T. Bannister of Hoisington, skipped over to the county seat, Saturday, to avoid the rush.

—Ed. Corbett and Chat Donley took their first lessons in riding the K. of P. goat, last Thursday night.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. Samuels returned last Thursday, from an extended visit of several months in the east.

—Chas. Zutavern attended a leap year party at Larned, Friday evening. He reports a most swell event.

—Rev. A. M. Barrett, now of McPherson, filled the pulpit in the Presbyterian church Sunday, the 8th.

—Miss Drue Hogue, a sister of Mrs. Geo. Caraway, returned to her claim in the Strip the first of the week.

—Three members of the family of D. Fankhauser, north of town, are very bad off with rheumatism.

—Mrs. E. R. Moses and Miss Vida Shaw left for Kansas City Saturday, to attend the "Peterwhisky" concert.

—Ira Cheney returned from Kansas City, where he has been for some months. He will remain in Great Bend.

—Wm. Brueser returned home from Gallup, N. M. last Saturday. The country out there does not agree with his health.

—James Keenan returned to the Strip, near Cleo, the first of the week, after arranging that the DEMOCRAT continues to keep him posted about Barton county affairs.

THE DYCHE LECTURE.

A Feast of Reason and A Flow of—Good Music.



MUSIC bath charms to soothe the savage ear, saith the book, and music mixed with such an interesting lecture as Prof. Dyché, of the Kansas State University, gave the people of Great Bend and vicinity

last Saturday afternoon and evening, was doubly charming.

All who missed hearing these lectures, illustrated by large magic lantern pictures, missed an opportunity of a lifetime. The wonderful and comparatively unknown regions of the far north, the "Land of the Midnight Sun," were most graphically described and beautifully illustrated by the lecturer, and the large audiences in attendance both afternoon and evening went from the lectures with a far greater knowledge and broader conception of the vast uncertainties and mysterious possibilities of the regions of the north pole.

We want to congratulate the members of the band upon their success in furnishing useful and pleasing entertainment for our people.

Parley Bloss has moved to town, in the third ward.

Go to Nelson & Son's Feed Store for early Ohio potatoes, apples, oranges and lemons.

Consult Dr. W. A. Phillips for diseases of the eye and ear, at the Hotel Greene, March 14th to 17th.

Highest market price paid for butter and eggs, in exchange for goods at cost. A. R. Moss.

We arise to remark—and it gives us pleasure to do so—that Mr. Joe Armstrong's, in third ward, is now the abiding place of a bouncing son and heir, who came on the morning of the 5th inst.

Ed. Brazell came up from the Oklahoma country the first of the week, for a 10 days' visit. He says there is quite a lot of corn, potatoes, and other spring crops already planted, and the fall wheat looks fine.

About twenty men and boys went down east of the Walnut, Sunday afternoon, and had a rabbit chase. Seven jacks were run and five were caught. Pat Boughan's dogs were the champions of the races.

T. R. McElroy, formerly of Alma, Waubesaunsee county, but later of Arkansas City, is the new man in charge at the waterworks here. His family is here at present domiciled near the engine house, in the 3rd ward.

The Ellsworth Messenger man observes that "a thousand dollars worth of roses will not perfume more than a few yards, while fifty cents worth of onions will perfume a whole neighborhood." Novelty is no proof of merit.

Dr. W. A. Phillips will be at the Hotel Green, Great Bend, on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, March 14th to 17th, to treat diseases of the eye and ear only. Be sure and call on him the first day, (the 14th) and make appointments for consultation.

Geo. Green Jr., suggests that gentlemen procure a Roetgen X ray machine to carry along with them when attending the theatre or concert, so they could see through the big sleeves and newfangled head gear that often obstruct the view.

Jim Clayton came up from Topeka Saturday to see that the republican convention at Hoisington was pulled off according to plans and specifications. It's lucky for Jim that he don't have to pay railroad fare; otherwise he would soon blow in his salary looking after Barton county politics.

Hon. Nelson F. Acres, of Iola, Kans. was a caller at the DEMOCRAT office last Thursday. Mr. Acres has land interests in this county which he is looking up. He is an enthusiastic free silver democrat, and expects to see the Kansas delegation go to Chicago for free coinage, a western candidate—or blood.